

Oral book reports with 14 year old black female, New Haven, Connecticut (Transcription)

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Speaker: uh the name of the book is the day the fish came out and the story begins these two boys were in airplane--Rodney and Tommie- and they crashed in the water and they had this big box in the airplane and it was made out of steel and nobody knew what was in it and that was this top secret of the air force and this boy he he saw the whole thing and then he went and told the police but the police didn't believe him but the other man another man saw it too and he saw it and than the police got the phone call that if anybody told them about the airplane crash don't believe it because the two men were supposed to be dead and this took took place in Greece and most everybody talked talked Greece and nobody understood English and then the two boys they crashed and they only had their shorts on and they had to go around through the whole book with no clothes on just their shorts and they lost each other and one stole fruit from everybody's house and the other one he went out on to everybody's clothes line and took off the clothes and he wrapped a sheet around hisself to look like a Arab because the ship was coming in with a lot of visitors and there was a lot of Arabs on them and the Arabs saw them and they thought it was one of them and they started talking in a different kind of language and he understood them and they ran away so another part there was this lady and this man they were uh sheep keepers you know and they saw the box when it landed and they took it to the house but they couldn't open it they did everything to try to open it but they couldn't open it and so then on the ship another ship came in the next day and this girl come on her name was Electra and she had this acid she was showing the people in Greece how to use acid and the guy stole the bottle and he opened the metal thing and there was all this big tablets in there and his wife and him took it but then they dumped the box over in

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the river because the uh investigators were coming to check on the box cause it was top secret and nobody knew

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what it was and so then the wife she threw it overboard with the tablets in it and everybody next day was swimming and this girl she came out she was in shock she almost drowned because they was all fish all over the river they were all floating and in the box there was these tablets that were supposed to be uh scientific things made for fish and like they were working on this uh program for tablets that could produce people and they were uh first dealing in all fish and that's uh supposed to be kept top secret and the whole river were flooded with fish. (ques.) Yeah and that's the end. (ques.) And the two boys were found at the end and they were supposed to be they were uh reported dead because nobody knew about them they didn't uh want anybody to see them because they were supposed to be dead and then at the end (ques.) Because it was top secret and what they were doing and nobody had heard from them and nobody could talk English hardly and so nobody understood them and so then at the end these uh investigators came and they found them then they went back to America (ques.) uh huh yeah (ques.) Yes the uh goatkeeper's wife and him they found it and they didn't know what it was and so they Just kept on trying to open it with everything they could and they couldn't open it it wouldn't even bend or anything (ques.) metal and steel you know it was big square box and they couldn't open it tried everything and it wouldn't even b end and they and then they took the acid and they made all circles in it until they got to the center. It was all tablets in there and it was fish (ques.) Yeah they didn't know who had it but when they went in the river next day there was the box and it was all fish and that was the top secret and nobody know what it was (ques.) Oh uh the two boys Tommy and Rodney and they didn't tell the goat the goatkeeper's name and his wife but they were sorta like the main characters because they

kept on popping in and out this is really a movie that's how come its so hard to explain. (ques.) Yeah and the boat that came to Greece from America there was this girl her name was Electra and she was always uh the investigator she was always interfering because she liked one of them and they had to get her out of there because she was too nosy and she had the acid and so then that goatkeeper took the acid because she was giving demonstrations on you know the uses of acid (ques.) no (ques.) She showed the different ways that acid worked.becanse they never had you know they never seen it (ques.) Like she had metal and she drew a a design and then she just went like that and it fell right out it was like a demonstration and then the goatkeepers was there and he she went over to the other investigator and they went for uh to get something to eat and then he ran off with the bottle he went to his house (ques.) Because like when you see a movie you can tell about it but when you have to read it I never even heard of the movie but you kn ow they said it was a movie and on the back it had all pictures of it but you, would expect it like to be shorter because it's too long to read when you could see it in a picture. (ques) Yeah you know like you want to know what happened you can just see it on television so you wouldn't want to read it (ques.) no (ques.) no uh Electra and the goatherd and his wife (ques.) Uh she liked the men she liked all the guys in there these investigators but she liked this main special one (queS.) a regular American (ques.) uh she was a girl who always liked men (ques.) Yeah she was pretty real pretty and she was nice (ques.) No she went away on a boat and uh she met these guys who talked Italian and they were saying what a pretty girl she was in Italian and then she goes to them in Italian that she understood Italian very well and then she went off she left the kid (ques.) I don't know something happened they had a fight I think they were trying to get rid of her because she was so nosy around there and then she got mad and then she left she took the boat back to America the next day (ques.) Well,

Speaker: when everybody saw the fish then they knew cause they saw the box too the box was down on like on a ledge and then everybody knew so it wasn't top secret anymore. (ques.) I know but then maybe like if they knew what was in the box they would try it on other things (ques.) I don't know you know like the government like they would try it on cats or something (ques.) Yeah but like it was supposed to be secret but they didn't know where the box was because when the plane crashed they had a parachute for everything and they couldn't find the box. (ques.) The box, because everybody was going around looking for the box (ques.) It was when the fish came out that was how come the name the day the fish come out (ques.) Yeah it was good i don't know cause (ques.) Yeah I read it real fast in two days (ques).

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Speaker: Yeah I like to read like teenage stories and I dont like mysteries (ques.) because I'd rather see it on televiabn than to read it (ques.) cause on television when I can get up at any part that's scary but in the book I'll know that I have to keep on reading it (ques.) They're all right but I don't like you know the ones with the mystery part and everything (ques.) uh huh it is to me cause it keeps you in suspense (ques.) I don't know (ques.) I don't know (ques.) goat well him and his wife they had a little baby and he wouldn't eat anything because he couldn't get the box open and he would he'd go out and get drunk and then come back and try to get the box open again and then he'd get so mad he'd go to bed without eating and everything and his wife wouldn't pay any attention to him and he wouldn't let her go out because people would get suspicious and he kept her in the house (ques.) No I mean he was well like he didn't want nobody else to have you know to know about it because he wanted it all to himself because he didn't know what was in it because

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(ques.) Yeah because like there was them other all other goatherders around and like if anybody else knew they would want to know what it was too and if anybody

else got it open you know he'd probably want to be popular around that way and that's why he wanted it all to himself (ques.) At first she was trying to you know she just stood by and she tried to help him but then he didn't want her help because he was getting madder and madder because he couldn't get the box open (ques.) It didn't say (ques.) No